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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-2, 12, 14, 16-17, 22, 24, 26-27, 44, 49, 66-67, 97-98 and 100, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.